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United States Government  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
London Bureau

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Dear Russ:

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This will answer your letter of 6 August 1947.

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First to give you my slant on the [redacted] affair - it does seem unfortunate that [redacted] have locked horns [redacted] Looking at the situation from here, it appears [redacted] was extremely reluctant to have [redacted] probably realized this, and that this is really what is behind the whole trouble.

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I certainly agree with the letter you wrote [redacted] because I do not believe in having too many separate divisions within an organization such as [redacted] and I, too, am wondering where [redacted] fits [redacted] set up. However, some things have come to our attention here in Washington which causes us to question [redacted] I am attaching hereto for your information copies of a letter written by [redacted]

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In this particular matter I certainly think [redacted] is entirely wrong, and I am inclined to concur absolutely with [redacted] in this case. This incident has placed us in a rather bad light with the Finance Division here in CIG, in that it is felt that many of the claims [redacted] are absolutely ridiculous. [redacted] I feel certain the whole matter will not be straightened out for months.

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[redacted] conferred with [redacted] and explained that it was necessary for [redacted] However, FBIS, either in Washington, or London, is considered administratively at fault for not specifying in writing that it was necessary [redacted] to travel in Paris. I don't know what the solution to this mix up is, but I do feel that it is not entirely a one sided proposition.

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At this point, [redacted] not completely sure that it is best to eliminate the London Office and move [redacted] but certainly does not question your actions in any way. From my point of view, without having seen the set up, it certainly seems like the thing to do. I have always wondered how much actual supervision of our editorial operations the Chief of the London Mission was able to exercise having his office in London. This arrangement certainly should give him more active supervision and a much better knowledge of what is going on throughout the organization. He feels that it may be necessary to have someone in London to maintain contacts, etc. If so, I doubt if this should be the Chief of the Mission. This, of course, we can determine after your new arrangement has been tried out for awhile.

The method which you are using for filing copy to Washington is working out fine as I have already informed you in a message. We will not make any changes in the T/O until we are absolutely sure.

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The Civil Service classification business is not settled yet. Generally speaking, they wanted to downgrade us from one to two grades throughout. [redacted] and I are going to the Civil Service Commission personally next week to see what we can do. In the meantime [redacted] has assured me that whatever happens to our departmental jobs, the field positions will remain as he set them up.

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The Unification Act finally passed, and CIA, as it is now called, has a legal right to exist. In its final form the Director of CIA may be either a civilian or a military person. The Admiral has not officially been appointed the Director of CIA since the enactment of this legislation. The long awaited legislation to discharge employees was included in the Act as finally passed, and I anticipate that as soon as the Admiral is officially appointed Director the axe will fall in many places in FBIB.

Sincerely,

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[redacted]  
Acting Chief, FBIB

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